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(54) NETWORK SYSTEM AND CONTROL METHOD OF APPARATUS

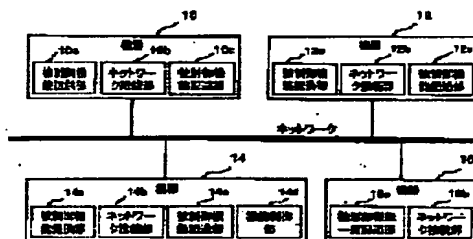
home server is realized.

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(57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To realize a desired processing by integrating functions of home electric apparatus connected with a network.

SOLUTION: A plurality of home electric apparatuses 10, 12, 14 and 16 are connected with a network. Attributes and a control program of each apparatus are described at the sections 10c, 12c, 14c for describing functions to be controlled and registered at the section 16a for describing the list of functions to be controlled of an apparatus 16 functioning as a directory service upon connection with the network. When some apparatus utilizes the function of other apparatus, the attributes and the control program of a relevant apparatus are fetched from the section 16a for describing the list of functions to be controlled of that apparatus 16 and then the function of the relevant apparatus is called and utilized. When a TV, a digital camera and a home server are connected with a network, a monitor function for displaying an image picked up by means of the digital camera on the TV and storing a required image in the



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